

an extreme northern breeding location), since most fall migration of Mississippi Kites in North America occurs from late August to mid-September (Parker 1999). This species has been an abundant migrant as far south as Veracruz, Mexico during this time period (Parker 1999).

A search of fall field notes from *Meadowlark* (1991-2007) and *Illinois Birds & Birding* (1990-1991), along with Bohlen (1989), showed many departure dates observed in Illinois for Mississippi Kites are from August, with the remainder mostly coming in the first half of September (18 August through 24 September), with two anomalous dates of 30 October at Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (Jersey and Calhoun counties) and 4 November at Illinois Beach State Park (Lake County). Robinson (1996) stated most of southern Illinois' breeding Mississippi Kites have departed the state by the end of August. Except for the two anomalous dates, the departure of the juvenile kite from Rockford is the third latest date for the state.



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The exact location of the nest was intentionally not described here to minimize disturbance of the nest location. As this article went to press in May 2009, a pair of Mississippi Kites was seen in the general area where kites nested in 2008.

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